

## ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT - PHASE 2 ACTION PLAN

In 2020, the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC), and the NMFS West Coast Region initiated a review of CPS essential fish habitat (EFH). In late 2020 through early 2021, SWFSC staff conducted a literature review to identify new information that could inform potential revisions to CPS EFH. The results of that literature review are included in Agenda Item E.3.a, CPSMT [Report 1](#), April 2021. The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) agreed with the CPSMT's recommendation to move ahead with Phase 2, and directed the CPSMT to develop scope and objectives for Phase 2, consistent with Council Operating Procedure 22.

At this meeting, the Council should consider adopting the Phase 2 Action Plan included in D.3.a CPSMT Report 1 and provide guidance as necessary.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt the Phase 2 Action Plan.**
- 2. Provide guidance as necessary.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item D.3.a, CPSMT Report 1.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

- D.3 Review of Essential Fish Habitat
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt the Phase 2 Action Plan and Provide Guidance

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